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# A MESSAGE SENT TO THE PARLIAMENT FROM

The Members of the House of Commons at Colchester,  
informing them of the Passages there, how the multi-  
tude doth daily increase, and have plundered the Lady  
Rivers house at Colchester, and taken from her the value  
of forty thousand pound in Money, Plate, Jewels, and  
other things of great worth ; threatening moreover  
to plunder all the Papists houses in Essex, con-  
ceiving them to be the causers of the  
present distractions.

*Likwise the coming of the Earl of Southampton the Ear  
of Dorset, and Sr. John Culpeper to both Houses  
concerning the withdrawing their present forces.*

Also a true Relation of the manner of taking Dover  
Castle on wednesday night Aug. 25. by the  
Earl of Warwick and M. Dukes.

And the taking of a ship that came from Spaine by the  
Earle of Warwick with 600000 pound, seized upon at  
Southampton for the use of the Parliament, and  
Ordered to be brought up to LONDON.

Joh. Brown, Cler. Parl.

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surface, very even has pleasant oil about  
it, no stain or finish. A good piece of furniture.  
A good old piece of furniture you'd like to  
keep. And a good piece of furniture you  
can't let go of because it's so nice.

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#### Top-level Chapter

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**A M E S S A G E S E N T F R O M**  
*Colchester to the Parliament, informing them of  
the Passages there, and how the multitude doth  
daily increase, and have plundered the Lady  
Rivers her house, taking away from her the  
value of forty thousand pound in money,*

*plate, iewels, and many other things  
of great worth,*

*And how they threaten to plunder all the Papists  
houses in that Countrey.*

Also a true Relation of the manner of taking  
*Dover Castle on wednesday night Aug. 24.  
by the Earl of Warwick and M. Dukes.*



together by occasion of

He Houses of Par-  
liament have recei-  
ved information frō  
Sir Thomas Baring-  
ton and M. Grim-  
ston, that were sent  
to Colchester in Es-  
sex, that the multi-  
tude of people that  
gathered themselves

Sir John Lucas his

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providing of horse and ammunition to send to His Maiestie, were very much increased, and that they were so much incensed against the Papists, and others ill-affected to the Parliament, that they could not appease them, and that they have plundered the Lady Rivers house at Colchester, and have spoiled and taken away from her in money, plate, iewels, and other things of value, to the sum of forty thousand pound, without giving out speeches, and threatening to plunder all the Papists in that County, which (they conceived) were the causers of all these troubles and distractions in the Kingdome, and were the occasions that they, their wives and children were brought into great want and extremity, (by the great decay of trading) and for that they have plotted the ruine and destruction of this Kingdome. The occasion of this multitudes gathering together in this manner was as followeth.

Upon Friday last being the six and twentieth day of August, the House of Commons received a Letter from the Maior of Colchester directed to M. John Pym of the House of Commons, declaring the fidelity and good affec<sup>i</sup>on of the inhabitants of the said town of Colchester and other townes thereabouts in that good service they performed for the King and Parliament in taking away the great store of armes and ammunition that were found in the dwel-  
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ling house of Sir *John Lucas* neere *Gobsthorpe*,  
 and how that a great many Muskets, Pistols,  
 and Carbines were found ready charged; all  
 which was discovered by one Captain *Lumley*,  
 who forthwith informed the towne thereof;  
 upon whose information the whole towne rose  
 in a great uproare, and within a small time  
 about two thousand people were gathered to-  
 gether, who forthwith beset the house of the  
 said Sir *John Lucas*, but were denied entrance  
 for a time; whereupon the people were so in-  
 raged, that they demanded entrance without  
 delay: they that were within the house perci-  
 ving the multitude without to be too great for  
 them to make opposition against, opened the  
 gates, where after they had entred, they found  
 twelve Horses fittid for warre, that should  
 have gone to the King the next day, and two  
 hundred men: Diverse of them being exami-  
 ned concerning the occasion of their being  
 there, would confess nothing, but said that  
 they were sworne to secrerie: the people hear-  
 ing this answer, were further enraged against  
 Sir *John Lucas*, insomuch that the Maior was  
 inforced to carrie him home to his own house,  
 to keep him from the violence of the people:  
 Herewithall the people were ho whit satisfied,  
 but rather the more intaged (resolving either  
 to have him out, or els they threatned to pull  
 downe the Maiors house)untill he had sent him

to the common Goal. The people yet are  
in great feare and amazement, and continue  
together in great multitudes, and will not re-  
turne to their habitations till they have fuf-  
ther satisfaction concerning him. The Maior  
not knowing what course to take with the  
people, nor how to pacifie them, sent with  
all speed to know the pleasure of the Parlia-  
ment concerning the same. After some debate  
of it in the House of Commons, they desired a  
Conference with the Lords, where the said  
Letter was read, and thereupon the Lords and  
Commons ordered, that Sir Thomas Barrings-  
ton, and M. Grimesone should goe with all speed  
downe to Colcheter to appease the people, and  
to give them thankes for their good affec-  
tion, and forwardnesse to assist the Parlia-  
ment, declareing to them, that the House took  
it as an acceptable service, desiring them to de-  
part to their owne houses.

Upon wednesday night last the fourte 2nd  
twentie h of August, one M. Dykes a Merchante  
that was intrusted for the securing of the Castlē  
of Dover in Kent, caused ten men, armed with  
swords and Muskets ready charged, to climbe  
up a steep rhck (in the dead time of the night)  
and to draw up scaling ladders after them, to  
fcale the wals of the Castle, to take it and  
keep it for the King and Parliament. After  
they had scaled the wals and got into the Ca-  
stle,

file these ten Musketeers went to the Court of Guard, consisting but of four men, who at the sudden appearance of these ten men were so amazed, that they seemed to be in a trance, and demanding of them who kept the keyes of the gate, for feare they directed them to the Porter who kept the keyes, and knocking at his chamber doore, they commanded him to deliver up the keyes to them for the service of the King and Parliament: at first he denied, saying, he would not: whereupon they would have broke open the door, and withall threatening to shooe him, unlesse he would deliver up the keyes: at length he gave them the keyes, and presently they went to the gate and sent post to the Earle of Warwick, who lay nigh Dover with his ships, and immediately sent them threescore Musketeers, besides forty Musketeers more ready prepared which were sent from the Citizens of Canterbury, who immediately tooke the Castle for the use and service of the King and Parliament, turning out all those whom they suspected to be ill-affected to the Parliament. Not above two dayes after, upon Friday the 26. of August, the Parliament received information of a ship coming from Spaine with 600000. pound coming to Portsmouth, and finding no means to arrive there by reason of the ships which the Earle of Warwick had laid before the towne, and perceiving no possibility

bility of escaping, being descried by the said  
ships they struck into Sandspit, pretending  
that they came with other merchandize, but  
being searched, little was found therein but  
Bullion, which they said was to be coined here,  
and so it is thought it shall; for, the Parlia-  
ment have made stay thereof, and ordered that  
it shall be brought to London.

His Majesty was graciously pleased to let the  
Houses understand, that if they will withdraw  
their forces, and nominate a Committee to  
treat with others chosen by him, he is willing  
to stand to such a treaty of pacification they  
shall agree on.

The Lords and Commons in Parliament  
declare, That all such persons as shall, upon any  
pretence whatsoever, assist His Majesty in this  
Warre, with Horse, Arms, Plate or Money,  
are Traytors to His Majesty, the Parliament  
and Kingdome, and shall be brought to con-  
digne punishment for so high an offence.

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*Joh. Brown Cleric. Parliament.*

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